



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

June 2018

When: 7 p.m., June 20
Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville
Who: Bob Evans
Topic: S.S. Central America



Contemporary engraving of the sinking of the S.S. Central America (J. Childs, engraver & publisher)

June presentation

The S.S. *Central America* sank in a hurricane Sept. 12, 1857, taking 425 souls to their graves and tons of California gold to the ocean's depths.

One hundred and thirty-one years later, the Columbus-America Discovery Group, salvors with strong ties to Columbus, located the shipwreck.



Bob Evans

Our speaker this month is Bob Evans, who served as chief scientist both on the 1983-1991 and 2014-to-date salvage operations.

He has been concerned not only with the numismatic and archeological aspects of the shipwreck but has also been mindful of the tragedy's human toll.

In January he told *CoinWeek*, "Every year on Sept. 12, I send out a memorial email to a list of people that I've compiled over the years, reminding everyone to pause this evening at 7 o'clock Eastern Time and mark the moment when the *Central America* sank. In 2014 I had the honor and privilege of conducting a service on the bow of our ship, tolling the bell for that minute that commemorated the loss all those many years ago."

We are privileged this month to have Bob tell us about his work conserving the shipwreck's coins and artifacts.

May presentation



Broken sword reverse Peace dollar

John Roberts told us about fantasy American coins that were produced on a genuine U.S. Mint press by Dann Carr.

In 2007, Carr purchased a decommissioned 1886 Denver Mint coinage press and has been using it ever since at his Moonlight Mint to strike fantasy pieces, such as 1914 Liberty Head five-cent pieces, 1910-D Indian Head cents and 1909-O (micro O) Morgan silver dollars.

The New Orleans Morgan, Roberts said, was an homage to the counterfeiters responsible for the highly collectible 1896, 1900 and 1902 Morgan dollars with a tiny O mintmark. The fakes were outed in 2005, but are probably even more prized by collectors than ever because of their illegal parentage.

In 2016, Carr bought a bronze casting of the first Peace Dollar reverse design. The design, which featured a broken sword to symbolize peace, never reached production - until now. Carr used it on his 1917 and 1918 Peace dollars.

Roberts noted that Carr usually (over) strikes his creations on genuine U.S. coins. He said, "They are technically modifications of existing legal tender coins."

CONA grading seminar



Above: John Roberts, left, and Tony Cass, prepare to conduct CONA's grading seminar June 9. Both have extensive work experience as professional graders.

Below: Early arrivals stake out tables at the seminar.



Raffle

The June raffle will feature a pair of Lincoln Cents: NGC MS-64 RB 1936-S and NGC MS-65 RB 1938-D. One draw gets both! Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5; 13 for \$10. Thank you for supporting the raffle and your club! - Gary

Club auction

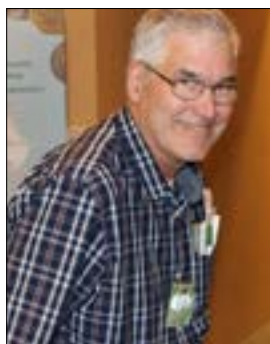
Send July lots to Steve B. [redacted] columbus.rr.com - by July 9.

CONA at CSNS



Cincinnati's Heidi and Dave Heinrich, standing, talk with (from left) Tony and Patty Cass, Lexa and Steve Petty and Mike at the Central States Numismatic Society's awards breakfast April 28.

Right: Liberty Seated Collectors Club members Spence, Steve Petty and Mike pose after the LSCC meeting.



Bill, left, and Dan check out the bourse floor.



May winners

Door prizes: Vern [redacted], John [redacted] and Dan [redacted]

Raffle: Bruce [redacted]

Quiz: Gerry Tebben, Dan R [redacted] and Roger S [redacted]

50/50: Mike [redacted]'s name was drawn, but he was not present. The \$38 pot rolls over.

Hilltop auction

When: June 26, (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)

Where: Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

Ohio State Show Silent Auction

Consignment to the silent auction is open to all regular year round CONA members. A \$1.00 per lot set-up fee will be collected when the lots are surrendered which is required by the July meeting. A 10% sellers fee is assessed if the lot sells however there is no buy back fee if it does not.

The value of auction lots should range from \$10 to \$250. We do realize that gold coins will have a higher value than \$250. Remember: there is a 10 % seller's fee, so for lots valued at more than \$250, consignment should be discussed with Steve Barnett the auction committee chairperson.

The consigner is responsible for ensuring that all consignments are genuine, properly described and graded. Lots should have a minimum starting bid of \$5. For certified coins, it should be no more than the amount in the Coin Dealer Newsletter (CDN).

Members who would like to consign should turn in their list by the June meeting and it may contain up to 20 items. Please include the following information: name, phone # and/or email. The committee will select from the list and contact the consigner to arrange for the transfer of the required coins. Consignors may have the opportunity to submit additional lots if deemed appropriate by the committee.

Show book sale

We will once again have a bookstall at the show where CONA members can consign their old books for sale. Details to come next month.

Columbus Coin Show

When: June 17 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Makoy Center, 5462 Center St. Hilliard.

Admission: CONA members get in free

The show is in its 14th year and has grown into one of the best one-day shows in the region. Public hours are 10-4, but early birds can enter at 9 for \$10. Regular admission is \$2 to those 18 and over. CONA members are admitted free.

Cincinnati Coin Show

What: 35th Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition

When: June 28-30 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Where: Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd.

ANA seminars

Dave Heinrich and Clark Fogg are teaching *Fundamentals of Digital Photography* at ANA show in Philadelphia. Details at money.org.

Learn the basics of numismatic photography: from shooting images to preparing them for the web, presentations or publication using Adobe Photoshop. Students should bring their own "macro-capable" cameras and several coins they would like to photograph, and they're encouraged to bring their own high-speed laptops and software.

Date & Time: August 16-17; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$359; Register by June 29 for a \$25 discount.

ANA life members save an additional \$40.

2018 speakers

TBA: Tentative Bob Campbell... ..Toned coins

TBA Jim BType collecting

TBA Rachel WTBD

July or Sept. Bill Bierly..In God We Trust

Speakers are needed for several months this year. It's a perfect way to share your knowledge with fellow collectors. If you need help in preparing a presentation, I'd be happy to help. -- Gerry



HE MADE GREEN GOODS.

Interesting Autobiography of Notorious Miles Ogle.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY.

He Was the Most Daring and Successful Counterfeiter in the World, but Captain M. S. Bauer Ran Him Down, and He Got Fifteen Years.

Miles Ogle of Columbus, O., wants to leave there, wants to leave very badly, but Captain M. S. Bauer of Louisville says no. "Wants a pardon, does he?" says the captain. "Well, he'll never get one. Fifty years would not have been enough for that man. The sentence of 15 will be out too soon."

And other United States detectives fully agree with Captain Bauer, for Miles Ogle was long the most skillful counterfeiter in this country if not in the world, and his



MILES OGLE.

captain gained a national reputation by running him down. Once Miles escaped punishment by giving up all his paraphernalia and agreeing to assist the federal officials in suppressing counterfeiting, and he would have been a valuable man indeed, for he knows all there is to be known both about making and "shoving the queer," but his appetite for crime was too strong, and he straightway returned to it.

When arrested, he had projected a grand scheme. He had \$1,500 in good money on his person, and his plan was to start that night for the Pacific slope. There he was to devote a year to the execution of a \$50 plate that would rival those of the United States mint in every way. It was his plan to flood the country with these \$50 counterfeits, and from the work of former years and his determination to spend over a year in making the plate it is probable that his \$50 would have been very hard to detect.

Miles Ogle, alias Charles Deering, alias George Wilson, alias James Graham, alias McGregor, was born in New York in 1840. His father was a criminal before him, and an account of the deeds of Miles would fill a large volume. In 1862 he started out with his only brother, John, and drifted down the Ohio river in a flatboat. They robbed some one wherever they landed, and both were arrested at Portland, but nothing could be proved against them. Miles was a member of the notorious "Reno gang" of Indiana. The Reno brothers were caught and lynched, but Ogle escaped.

It was in 1871 that he and Pete McCartney got up such a beautiful \$5 plate and literally flooded the country with "Lincoln greens." Ogle was so much in love with his work that he stole \$75,000 of the stuff from Pete and sold it to "shovers" in Cincinnati. Pete has since died in prison. Ogle was arrested about that time in Pittsburg, but got off, as aforesaid, on a promise of turning detective, the evidence against him being defective. He has served in the penitentiary two terms of eight and six years respectively, and after two years of freedom was run down by Captain Bauer, who had tracked him all over the country, determined, as he said, "to get him or die following him." In a recent interview in the Louisville Courier-Journal Captain Bauer says:

"I tracked him to Jackson, Miss., and there he one night told a negro that he was a wealthy stock dealer and that he wanted some silver change. He gave the negro 20 \$50 bills and told him to get them changed for him. The negro was innocent of any wrong, and as Ogle had hired him to work for him he got the money changed. As he reported back to Ogle at the depot I stepped from the train.

"For God's sake, sy," said he. "That man is a detective and is after us."

"That negro ran faster than any man I have ever seen, but I knew he did not know what he was doing when Ogle sent him out to get the 'queer' changed into good money."

In one of Ogle's "plants" Captain Bauer found the finest set of plates ever seen in this country outside of government offices, and in another, near Cincinnati, three 50 gallon jars packed full of counterfeit greenbacks. When put in prison, he broke a glass and cut great gashes in his face to prevent identification, but all in vain. The witnesses swore to him by other marks, and in 1891 the federal court at Memphis sent him up for 15 years. Now he has turned pious and written his life and confession and in it declares that he had not violated the law during his last era of freedom and that Captain Bauer ran him down for spite and to get a reputation.

He hates Captain Bauer with an intensity which all his pious art cannot conceal, does not give his name in the confession, which is published in the Ohio State Journal, and always mentions him as "Detective B—." And here is his pathetic story:

"The detective, after trying to work up a case against me for three months in Cincinnati, interviewing all the thieves and crooked men of his acquaintance, gave it up as a bad job and had me removed to Memphis, hoping he might be able in that city to secure the right kind of witnesses.

"While on the trip Mr. Thompson, Convict Smith and the detective spent some time in Madison, Ind., and Louisville, and almost every day the Cincinnati papers contained discoveries that they made of counterfeit money, plates, dies and all the other paraphernalia used by counterfeiters. And now behold the truth. Mr. Thompson states that the detective and his convict found nothing in the shape of counterfeit money or machinery to make it and that these were all imaginative articles got up for a purpose."

Blasts from the past

The Adams Centinel - Sep 2, 1818

Gettysburg, PA

Newton, N. J.—On the morning of the 5th inst. a man calling himself by the name of John Hughe, was arrested in this village, on a charge of having in his possession counterfeit paper, with intent to pass the same. On examination several bills were found with him and three were paid in at the time all which were adjudged counterfeit. After his commitment he told where the remainder of his bank might be found which was in the stable where his horse was kept. Search being made, the sum of \$160 were found snugly tuck'd up over a beam, under the hay, which was safely deposited with the Justice who had committed him, which with the sum found with him, amounted to \$185. He confessed that he received the money of one John Connor, in the city of New York No. 162 Grand st. and that he was to meet the said Connor at the German Flats, in July, when they were both to start for the southward—He says that he was formerly from the state of New Jersey; but of late resides within three miles of Auburn where he has a wife and six children.—The bills were as follows to wit:

- 58 Five dollar bills on the Ontario bank
- 19 Five dollar bills on the Mechanics Bank of the city of New York.
- 5 Five dollar bills Barker's Exchange Bank, city of New York.
- 13 Three dollar bills on the Bank of New York
- 2 Fives, on the Orange County Bank.
- 1 Ten dollar, on the Mechanics Bank, city of New York.
- 1 Ten dollar, on the Farmers Bank of Bucks County, Penn.
- 1 Two dollar, on the Mechanics Bank, city of New York.
- 1 Three dollar, Bank of Wilmington.
- 1 One dollar of Fayette Co. Penn.